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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2001, please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following:

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A1  
A method of making an electret includes condensing vapor from the atmosphere of a controlled environment onto a dielectric article and then drying the article to remove the condensate. The dielectric article may be a nonconductive polymeric material, and the condensate may include a polar liquid. The method is particularly useful for forming an electret from a porous material such as a nonwoven fibrous web. The method can enable individual fibers in the web to exhibit at least quasi-permanent electrical charge.